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UP IN THE AIR • Didsbury Figure Skating Club member Courtney Campbell practises a move while wearing a harness under the guidance of coach Londa Leaver during a practice at the Didsbury Memorial Arena last Thursday.

Noel West/Didsbury Review

Town begins preliminary budget talks for 2013

BY KEVIN VINK
 Review Staff

Town council is currently undergoing budget discussions, which are set to wrap up near the end of the month.

Mayor Brian Wittal explained that the town is trying to avoid a tax increase if possible, despite a possible 10 per cent decrease in revenues due to funding cuts from the provincial Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

"Overall, I think we certainly have a good idea of where we want to go with the budget," said Wittal.

"Discussions are right now that we are going to keep tax increases to a minimum if we have one at all for this coming year."

After discussions with MLA Bruce Rowe, council found that the province is going to cut funding to the town through the MSI, potentially up to 10 per cent, he noted.

"That's our primary source of funding from the

province, and that's one that's calculated based on population, kilometres of roadway, et cetera," he said.

"So after we hear (the final verdict), we're going to have to readjust our capital and budget accordingly, and that may impact as far as funds available for maintenance projects that we may have planned for streets and roads in the community. It's hard to say."

However, after a daylong budget discussion on Friday, Jan. 25, he said that the town managers seem to have a good handle on what resources they have available.

"I think they all have a very good handle on where they're at, understand their budgets, and have been able to keep things very tight."

One option for tax increases includes a six per cent increase to commercial taxes to bring it back up to the average, compared to other municipalities, he said.

The reasoning behind this is that businesses are able to write off the taxes they pay, whereas residents are not. Also, he said, the level of commercial tax in place right


now is relatively low to help encourage business to develop in town.

However, the current budget calculations are being based on a zero per cent residential tax increase, a two per cent commercial tax increase, and then a recalculation of utility costs, he added.

He noted utilities upgrades are going to be a major expenditure for the town in the coming years, so saving for that through a user-pay scenario seems to make more sense than direct taxation.

"Because in the end, if we increase taxes, we're going to take some of those dollars and it's going to go over here to fix or repair utilities anyways. So if we do it on the utility side and don't have to do it on the tax side, it helps to balance things a little more," he said.



Wittal indicated that discussions will continue throughout the month and will likely conclude at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26, when the options are voted on.



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Iconic feed mill is closing doors for good

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

Masterfeeds is officially closing at the end of the month, according to officials.

Denis Daudet, the general manager for Masterfeeds LP's Alberta operations confirmed that the feed mill will close its doors on Feb. 28.

"Basically we've shut down operations a number of months ago," said

Daudet, noting that the remaining retail portion of the business is still currently open and will be the last to close.

The feed mill itself shut down a number of months ago, he noted, and the company has been gearing down operations since that time.

"We've decided now - because the facility's old and no longer viable - that we're going to close it, with the retail business going to

our other dealers in the area," he said.

Masterfeeds products will still be available for purchase, but customers will now have to go to other locations, such as the UFA in Olds.

He noted that other than Olds, customers will also be able to drop by Irvine's Tack and Western Wear near Crossfield, as well as shops in Airdrie and Linden to purchase the products they need.

"We're currently talking to a number of parties and we have one that's within 10 kilometres (of Didsbury)...so we'll be covered, and we'll have spots close to Didsbury," he added.

One of the upsides of recent developments with the company is that Masterfeeds and Feed-Rite merged on Dec. 1, 2012, to become Masterfeeds LP (limited partnership).

"We're going to continue

to service our customers with our products, but just in different locations, that's all," said Daudet.

"Now we have more facilities in Alberta so we're able to maintain the retail business a little differently."

In a letter to their customers, Daudet wrote that the decision was based on several factors, including the costs related to maintaining and operating the decades-old feed mill locat-

ed in town.

"We can assure you that we have done all we can to look after the employees as we transition to close the retail store and our company's severance program will apply where applicable," he continued.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank the Didsbury employees not only for their service to Masterfeeds, but also for their help in ensuring a smooth transition."

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& Sundre Round Up
will be Wed., Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.,
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Noel West/Didsbury Review

The Masterfeeds feed mill, which is currently only operating its retail business, will be closing at the end of the month.



(Left to right) Debi Hooper - volunteer, Sylvia Derksen - co-manager, Jackie Leitch - volunteer, Corinne Stauffer - co-manager, Wendy Sorensen - volunteer, Judy Chutskoff - volunteer, Willard Swalm - volunteer

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Wycliffe	Race to 2025: Cameroon
Mountain View Food Bank	Food Bank
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Westglen School	Friends Program
Didsbury Senior Support Services	Intergenerational Program
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Editorial

Federal government right to focus on economy

With Parliament now back in session following the Christmas-New Year's break, MPs are set to consider a number of important new bills, including ones focusing on victims' rights and the protection of witnesses in criminal cases.



DAN SINGLETON

However, the Harper Tories say they plan to make the economy the government's top priority in 2013 – and that, quite simply, is very good news for Alberta and for all other provinces.

"The Harper government's top priority is creating jobs, growth and long-term prosperity for Canadian families," said Government House leader Peter Van Loan.

"In the face of continued global economic uncertainty, it is important that we continue to focus on the economy and build on the best job creation record of the major developed economies. Canadians can count on our government to stay focused on the issue."

With Alberta's economy anything but robust these days, and with Premier Redford already hinting that her next budget will be anything but good news, it's nice to hear federal government MPs saying they plan to keep their eyes squarely on the national economy.

While putting their main focus on the economy, those same government MPs also plan to push forward with a number of other important pieces of legislation, including the Safer Witnesses Act, the Enhancing Royal Canadian Mounted Police Accountability Act, the Fair Rail Freight Service Act, the Faster Removal of Foreign Criminals Act, the First Nations Financial Transparency Act, and the Increasing Offender Accountability for Victims Act.

"We will continue to put forward legislation to keep our streets and communities safe, including our commitment to ensure that public safety should be the paramount consideration in the decision-making process," said Harper cabinet minister Steven Blaney.

While the Harper Tories are right to focus some of their attention on law and order issues and concerns, it is also important that the federal government does all that it reasonably can to keep the national economy from slipping back into recession.

Hopefully the new session of Parliament will see MPs from all parties working together to make sure the economy is well managed and kept moving forward in the right direction.

On the other hand, nothing would be worse for all concerned than for the new session of Parliament to lose its economic focus and to slip into nasty and bitter political spats like those that have become commonplace in Alberta's legislature.

As the recent Alberta situation has shown all too well, elected officials who prefer to fight amongst themselves, rather than do the jobs they were elected to do, don't do anyone any favours.

Opinion



MOM DOES A BASKETBALL GAME...

Commentary

Canadian TV consumers are still the real losers

BY TERRY FIELD

You have to credit Canada's youngest news channel, Sun TV, for getting folks to sit up and take notice. The cheeky, proudly right-wing, talk-radio styled TV station is mounting a campaign to get the respect it says it deserves from the country's broadcast regulator.

At root, the issue is money. It seems the Quebecor-owned channel is on borrowed time financially, having lost some \$17 million in 2012.

Sun TV could cut its losses, it says, if it were moved into the most basic tier of TV, making it available to all subscribers who would then have to pay a couple of bucks extra a year, whether they watch it or not. It argues it is a Canadian alternative, that is doing 96 hours of programming a week, and that it should be more broadly available.

Sun TV is trapped in the cable TV equivalent of a discounted bookshelf. In Western Canada, it is available in all-in "premium" cable and satellite TV channel bundles. In some cities, you can pick it from an à-la-carte menu and pay extra. Meanwhile, the news stations Sun TV considers to be competitors, such as CBC and CTV, sit much lower on the dial and are available to all TV subscribers.

The reality is Sun TV's cable giant owner, Quebecor, agreed to the CRTC's conditions for operating in the first place, when presumably it had the option of saying no. Further, Quebecor has grown to the size it is because the country's broadcast system is regulated, and only a few companies (now all very large and diverse, such as Shaw, Rogers and Quebecor) were granted the privilege of offering cable TV services.

Just as real are the myriad strug-

gles Canada's big media companies face in the revenue generation battle. It's not easy being big and also being subject to regulatory restraint. Bell's effort to buy Astral Media was undone by the CRTC, cable TV subscribers are finding alternatives and are harder to keep, and Shaw's recent deal to sell unused wireless phone market space to Rogers is being criticized by smaller phone companies and consumer groups. There are dozens of such issues like these at play at any one time in the telecom/broadcast world, with the CRTC as referee.

The one constant is the beleaguered consumer who, not coincidentally, is the target of Sun TV's woe-is-us campaign. With limited options, TV subscribers are herded about by cable and satellite companies. Driven into a bewildering mix of grouped channel offerings and phone/Internet/TV bundles, many will pay the all-in highest price for 500 channels just to escape the dizzying prospect of deciphering the system.

If everyone were honest, they would acknowledge that most of those channels are pipelines for cheap, repetitive content. They make a few pennies from every subscriber, get to run some advertising and serve largely to provide the illusion of choice. Real choice would permit subscribers to simply choose from a list of channels and have access to as few as 15 or as many as they want.

There was a ray of hope in July when the CRTC, in a dispute between Bell and TELUS, ruled in favour of Bell's position that TV channels offered through cable and satellite could be un-bundled, meaning they could be offered separately and at differential prices.

The CRTC left it to the companies to figure out the details, offering arbitration services should they not be able to do so. Once again, the consumer is left out of the picture, with little incentive for the industry to change.

If you contact your cable provider, as I did this week with Shaw, you can actually pay separately to get Sun TV, but you can't pay separately for CNN, or BBC news. To obtain those, you either need a premium plan, or a base plan and an extra fee for about 10 news channels, most of which you don't want. You can pay extra for sports or movie packages, or just give up and pay \$200 for cable, phone and Internet, which is clearly the goal of the system.

So, we shouldn't feel sorry for poor old Quebecor or Sun TV. However, program host Ezra Levant's You Tube plea that Sun TV's treatment is "not fair" is instructive.

You are right Ezra, in the sense that it is not fair that TV consumers are treated so shabbily, and should immediately have the option of purchasing access to only the channels they want to see.

That would, as it turns out, take care of Sun TV's problem. Consumers could choose it, just as they could choose other channels. So my suggestion for Ezra and the gang is to stop whining about the rules you accepted, and advocate instead for new rules for TV consumers. My advice to consumers is to complain to your cable provider and to the CRTC.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m.
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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Ride for Dad Charity Hockey Game

February 16, 2013 at the Didsbury Arena from 7:30-10:00 pm



The Three Hills Thrashers have accepted the fundraising challenge by the Mountain View Colts for a charity hockey tournament with proceeds going to Rural Ride For Dad who fundraise to fight against Prostate Cancer. The mayors from each town have a challenge that the losing mayor will donate \$500 to the winning mayor's food bank and \$250 to their own local food bank. Come out and support our local team for a great cause. Last year alone, the Colt's raised \$20,000 towards the Ride For Dad's total of \$123,000 in the fight against Prostate Cancer. The money raised stays in Alberta and goes towards the Rural Chapters Awareness Programs and Research.



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Letters to the Editor

Stray cats that aren't

I've had enough of cleaning up after other people's cats.

On my front doorstep, my back patio and in front of my garage.

Don't get me wrong - I like cats, and I had one for 21 years who lived in our house and was not out puking, etc, all over other people's property.

Then there is the one sitting on our front step tor-

menting our little dog through the window, as if to say 'I know you can't get me.' I actually called to see what I could do about this problem, and received a call back from bylaw services telling me I could come and get a trap and trap the cat, then give them a call and that they would come get it when they got a chance.

I don't know what they

thought I would do with it in the meantime.

I am more than fed up at this point and have been for some time. There are other people I have spoken to that live on our street and also in other parts of Didsbury who are just as fed up with all the stray cats that are not really strays.

Barbara Hanna Dodman
Didsbury

Scouts headed to Jamboree

This summer, the 1st Didsbury Scouts will be heading to Sylvan Lake to take part in the 2013 Canadian Scout Jamboree.

They will be joined by over 5,000 Scouts from all over Canada and the world for the ultimate scouting experience.

This will be the first national jamboree Didsbury Scouts have taken part in since 1997.

The weeklong camp will

include building a city on the water, jousting contests, archaeological digs and trips to nearby historical sites.

The activities help to promote leadership, teamwork and build confidence.

Eight Scouts and four leaders will be attending the jamboree.

The Scouts look forward to meeting new friends from all over Canada and

taking part in the outdoor challenges.

Fundraising has begun to cover registration costs, which will be around \$7,800. Donations and fundraising have already brought in \$5,300.

Anyone wishing to donate bottles and cans to our ongoing bottle drive can call 403-335-2388 to set up a pickup time.

Lee-Anne Akister
Didsbury



Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

The 1st Didsbury Scouts group that is fundraising and gearing up to attend the 2013 Canadian Scout Jamboree.

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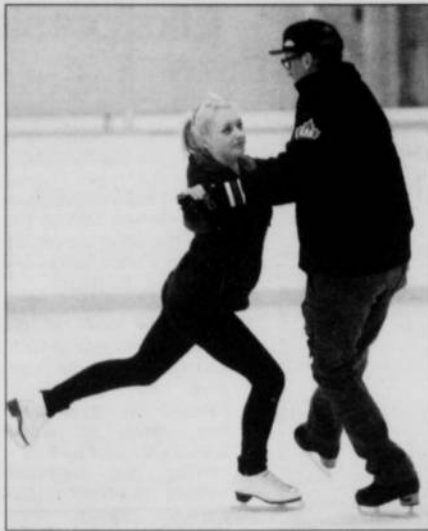
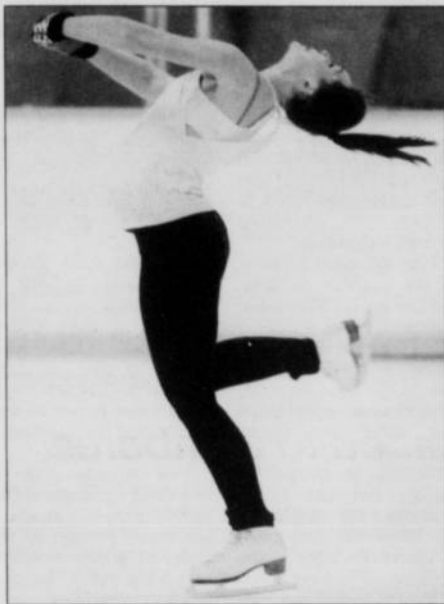
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Didsbury High School Library



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**Around
 Town**

with the Didsbury Library

February 6, 13, 20 and 27

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served - supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 403-335-4739 for more info.

February 5

Didsbury District Health Services Auxiliary AGM at 2 pm in the Unit 4 Meeting Room. Guest speaker is Ruth Jepson.

February 6

Movies @ the Library. This month's feature presentation is Skyfall 007. Show time is 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation - bring your own snacks. Pre-release screening sponsored by Front Porch Realty.

February 7, 14, 21, 28

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February 8 and 9

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February 11

5-0 Club Annual Meeting. 1:30 pm. Support your club by attending.

February 12

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast Tuesday Feb 12, 2013 9:30 AM
 Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym, Didsbury. This month's feature is Custom Woolen Mills.
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February 13

Pot Luck at the 5-0 Club. 2500 15 Avenue, Wednesday, February 13. Members and Guests and your special Valentine are welcome. Share your favourite dish. Cst is \$3.00 per person. Dinner at 12:30 pm. Come out and enjoy!

February 14

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March 5, April 2

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 Knights of Columbus:
 Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
 For more information
 Olds St. Steven's Office
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Elks president says future is now

BY KEVIN VINK
Review Staff

As Elks Canada celebrates the service club's centennial year, Grand Exalted Ruler (GER/president) Robert Larsen has been travelling across the country to visit lodges and talk about the future.

Larsen chose 'The Future is Now' as the theme for his year as GER, and many clubs can learn from the progressive example his organization has shown in recent decades.

"Why not legitimize today's society?" asks Larsen. "Things have changed, so we've got to recognize that they've changed."

When it comes to technology, he says, people used to write letters, make long phone calls, and sit down and enjoy long conversations with others.

"They don't anymore.

They text, they Twitter, they Facebook - and we've recognized that."

Larsen now lives by his BlackBerry, he noted, and his organization has also been making the move to become connected through technology.

"I get my email on here, all my business on here, and I've got my Elks information on here."

He chose the theme 'The Future is Now,' because now is the time to move forward as an organization and enter the future together, he said.

The Elks are not new to change, however, as he mentioned one monumental change the club made in recent decades - the inclusion of women.

"Twenty years ago, you wouldn't have found a woman around an Elks club."

"We allowed women into our organization and so did the Lions and Rotary

and all the other clubs," he explains.

"They almost fell over themselves, but somebody had to break the ice because society has changed. That's the way it is now, so we have to change too."

The Elks have experienced recent growth in membership across the country, he says, noting that some clubs have grown by two or three times in the past few years, often because couples who are looking for meaningful activities are joining.

"I've already seen it becoming a younger organization across Canada. I see more people in the under-40 group as members doing things," he says.

"The families are involved in doing things and the community is benefiting from it. And because the community is benefiting from it, more people want to join and have fun."

Another thing that is also changing in the Elks is that the iconic purple blazers and fezzes are no longer required, though they are still preferred by many in the club.

"Now you give them a shirt with the crest on it and they'll wear that," he notes.

"A lot of provinces' (clubs) do that, so we (at grand lodge) legitimized them."

He mentions Sydney, N. S., where members receive maroon shirts with silver Elks logos embroidered on them every new year.

"Well they were technically breaking the rules because they didn't have proper regalia, but now, (we've redefined it as) proper dress," he says.

"I wear the traditional blazer, but you get guys with a black jacket with a crest on it, with grey slacks - they're properly dressed. The guys with the crest on the shirts, they're properly dressed too, now."

He says these kinds of changes maintain the premise that members can be identified as Elks, but also allow them to dress the way they want, to a certain degree.

Uniforms are looked at as very formal in today's society and many people shy away from wearing any kind of uniform because of the connotations that come with them, he adds.

Larsen doesn't see this as disregard of history or tradition, though.

"We have to acknowledge our history, but we can't worship our history. We acknowledge the people that have done it because a lot of people have done well - they've built it to where it is today."

Because of the changes made by the club, more people feel comfortable joining, he notes, and the inclusion of women also helped grow not just the Elks, but other service clubs as well.

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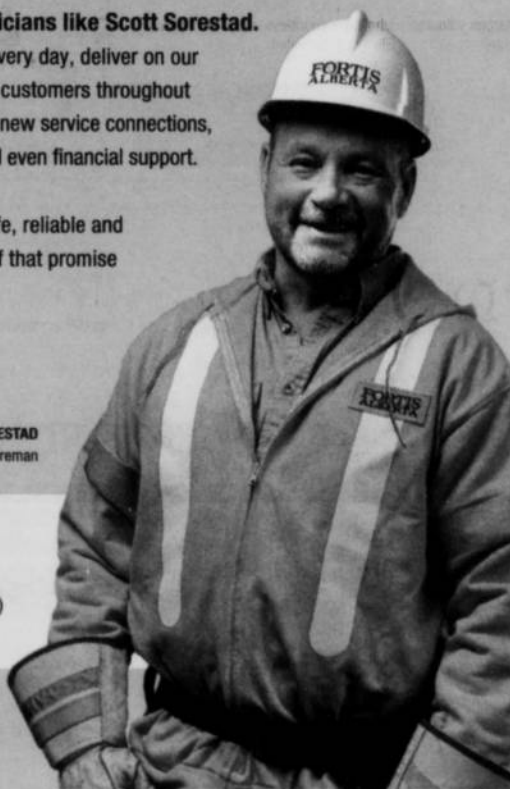
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Elks

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"We've got 250 lodges and 15,000 members between men and women across Canada," he says. "We're not doing bad. We're not doing as good as we were, but we haven't died. We're starting to see more (young people) in organizations doing things and having fun."

One reason he thinks the number of people joining the Elks went down in the past is the image that some people have in their heads

about the club – that members have to wear stuffy uniforms, or that it's a bunch of old people doing boring things, which he says is not true at all.

"If somebody has a perception of your organization and it's wrong, you have to correct that image. Whether you're Lions, Elks, Masons, et cetera – if somebody's got the wrong idea, it means they're taking the images you're producing and misinterpreting them."

"So it's not up to them to fix it, it's up to you."

So, the Elks have been

working on making people aware that the club is about serving the community – and having fun doing it.

"If you take a look in rural Alberta, rural Saskatchewan, rural Manitoba, a lot of the rural areas, the community hall is usually the Elks' community hall," he says.

"They built them during the 1930s when nobody had anything. But people got together, contributed their labour and time, and even now continue to contribute to the fabric of the community, and that's what we like to do."



Kevin Vink/Didsbury Review

Elks Canada's Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Larsen, seen here with Exalted Ruler Terry Phillips, paid a visit to the Didsbury Elks during a regular meeting on Jan. 24 to talk about the future.

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William Parker 1926 - 2013

William Bruce Parker was born on October 23, 1926, and went to be with his Lord and Saviour on January 27, 2013.

Bill grew up on the family farm east of Didsbury, Alberta. He attended Rosebud School and Didsbury High School and then went to work, first for Ashdown Hardware in Calgary, then with a seismic oil drilling crew in a number of Alberta's oil fields. Bill spent a season prospecting for uranium in the Goldfields-Beaverlodge Lake area and another season marking the Saskatchewan-Northwest Territories boundary line for the Geological Survey of Canada.

In 1953, he joined his brother John in Uranium City, Saskatchewan, moving buildings and selling tent frames and eventually starting his own business, Parker Expediting. Bill and John were among Uranium City's early entrepreneurs and those instrumental in putting Uranium City on the map.

While in Uranium City, Bill met Katharina Tenz and they married in 1956. Bill went to work for Eldorado Mining and Refining Company as a warehouseman. In the ensuing years the growing family moved to Didsbury, where they farmed for a year, back to Uranium City and Eldorado, to Innisfail, where Bill worked in a hardware store and then to Manitoba, where Bill owned and operated Parker Hardware for 11 years. In 1978, they moved back to Didsbury, where Bill had a number of jobs, the last being a custodian at Didsbury High School. In his retirement, Bill canvassed for a number of charities, volunteered with the Didsbury Horticultural Society, Lifeline, the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, and the Didsbury Nursing Home.

Bill and Kathy enjoyed their travels, visiting Eastern Canada, England, Europe and Israel, where they were baptized in the Jordan River.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Bruce and Rose Parker, his brother Sidney, and granddaughter Bethany Parker-Brown. He will be very sadly missed by his loving wife of 56 years, Katharina, children Miles (Vera), Rosemary (Maxx), Audrey (David), Howard (Amy), Donna (Allen), and Wesley; grandchildren Sarah, Megan, Caleb, Jordan, Jessie, Katherine, Robert, Justin, Maxx, and Shayaan; brother John (Helen), sister-in-law Stella, brother-in-law Henry (Margurite), nieces and nephews.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121: 1-2

Services were held Friday, February 1, 2013 at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Didsbury, AB with interment in Didsbury Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to condolences@sunsetltd.ca Arrangements in care of Sunset Funeral Service, Linden. 403-546-3903



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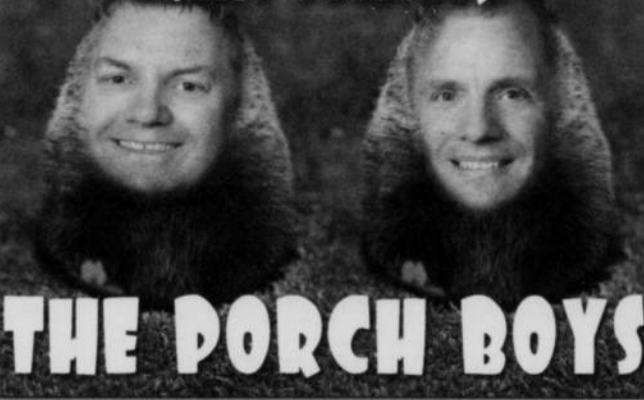
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Over 1400 sq ft, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully developed, large deck, fenced yard, big lot, double detached garage

\$259,000

606 West Highland Crescent



Top of the line home, 1500 sq. ft. +/-, hardwood, tile and slate, granite counters, floor heat in garage and basement, huge yard w/ alley access.

\$449,900

10 Mackenzie Way



Top of the line half duplex, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood, maple kitchen with walk-in pantry, main flr laundry, nicely landscaped, screened-in and covered deck

\$275,000

790 Stonehaven Dr.



Immaculate home inside and out shows like new, 2+1 bdrms, 3 baths, hardwood, fully finished, covered rear deck, underground sprinkler, oversized garage.

\$317,900

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